DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Security Committee

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NOTE FOR:	Chairman, Personnel	Security Subcommittee
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SUBJECT:	FY 1984 Budget	·
		a memorandum to me from the OSD member of
research	into behavior predict	ation of requesting budgetary support for ion for use in a personnel security context.
and provi for Commun Please no	de a summary of their nity-oriented researc	use your subcommittee to consider this issue conclusions together with any specific proposals into behavior prediction they may deem appropriate. It requests are due to the SECOM staff by 12 May
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, DCI SECURITY COMMITTEE

Subject: Security Committee Budget - Recommendation Concerning

Your premise that the DCI Security Committee should continue to maintain its own budget is supported. It is recommended once again that it contain funds to be used for research that would enhance our ability to support the process by which we determine the eligibility of personnel for access to classified information.

Investigations, polygraphs, psychological examinations all are designed to be valid predictors of future behavior of nominees for access. I remain unconvinced, however, that we have achieved the best combination of techniques, or found the best technique, for that matter, to achieve our objective. I am not aware, for example, that the value of psychological screening as an adjunct to the investigative process has been studied in any depth despite the fact that it might be of great value as a supplementary technique.

It would be logical to assume that determination of the best investigative criteria and processes applicable to given situations and socio-economic circumstances as well as cultural environments, should be a dynamic process. We have accepted that to some degree in our almost continuing review of DCID 1/14. We now have begun to acknowledge that as well in our approach to the adjudication process by convening the seminars that continue for the Intelligence Community personnel charged with those duties. These approaches to our most important product are encouraging because the personnel security program must be a living one and cannot rest upon references written and placed on a shelf.

Therefore, it is recommended that favorable consideration be given to the request for funds in the next available time period to pursue additional research into the predictability of human behavior inherent in the personnel security program, and that the Personnel Security Subcommittee of the DCI Security Committee be charged to develop a frame work for such research that will outline specific objectives to be achieved.

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